

Spruce Tree Terrace (Aileen Nusbaum Hospital)  
Chapin Mesa  
Mesa Verde National Park  
Montezuma County  
Colorado

HABS No. CO-71

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Colorado	COUNTY Montezuma	TOWN OR VICINITY Mesa Verde National Park
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Spruce Tree Terrace		HABS NO. CO-71
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Aileen Nusbaum Hospital		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES)		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1926-1927	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Aileen Nusbaum and National Park Service	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The hospital is associated with Aileen Nusbaum, wife of Mesa Verde Superintendent Jesse L. Nusbaum, who saw the need for modern medical care in Mesa Verde National Park.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Pueblo Indian Architecture		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Native Sandstone		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The one-story structure has walls constructed of native sandstone laid in concrete and mud, casement windows, and a roof covered with roofing felt.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) The interior walls were constructed from plaster, and the floors were soft pine, concrete and linoleum.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES The structure was modernized in 1949 to include a roof over the back porch, modernization of the operating room, heating system and electrical wiring.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Severe deterioration and structure is currently vacant.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Maintenance file on Mesa Verde National Park (1949) American Forests and Forest Life magazine (1929)		
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